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SUBJECT: SAUDI AMBASSADOR REPORTEDLY REBUFFED ON ATTEMPTED SHAIKH

ABDULLAH VISIT

REF: SANA 2304

BEGIN SUMMARY: SEVERAL SOURCES IN SANA HAVE TOLD DCM THAT SAUDI AMBASSADOR HAS LEFT SANA IN HUFF AFTER BEING BLOCKED IN EFFORT TO SEE ABDULLAH BIN HUSSAIN. END SUMMARY.

- 1. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR, BRITISH AMBASSADOR, AHMAD ABDU SAID AND OTHERS ARE REPORTING STORY THAT SAUDI AMBASSADOR TRIED WEEK BEFORE LAST TO DRIVE UP TO KHAMR TO SEE SHAIKH ABDULLAY.
- 2. VISIT CAME IN AFTERMATH OF MOVES BY ABDULLAH TO LEAVE YEMEN (REFTEL). DEPARTURE DID NOT TAKE PLACE, APPARENTLY BECAUSE GOVERNMENT MANEUVERED TO BLOCK TRIP. ABDULLAY THEN RETIRED TO KHAMR AND CALLED ASSEMBLY OF SHAIKHS TO DISCUSS HIS GRIEVANCES WITH CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.
- 3. SAUDI AMBASSADOR, ON WAY UP TO SEE SHAIKH ABDULLAY, WAS HALTED BY SOME PRO-GOVERNMENT TRIBESMEN NORTH OF SANA AND SENT BACK TO SANA. HE WENT TO HAMDI TO COMPLAIN, SECRET

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AND WAS TOLD HE HAD NOT INFORMED GOVERNMENT OF REASONS

OR TIMING OF HIS TRIP, AND COULDN'T EXPECT GOVERNMENT SUPPORT.

4. COMMENT: SOUNDS LIKE A MINOR EVENT, BUT IT ILLUSTRATES CONTINUING YEMENI SENSITIVITY OVER EVENTS IN NORTH AND PARTICULARLY SAUDI INTEREST IN TRIBAL MATTERS THERE. RANSOM

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